3d. Prince Jerome is to serve with the rank of lieutenant-general. He must join the army at once.

(To Marshal Davout.) Herewith you will find a copy of my orders for the cavalry of the army. Marshal Grouchy will command it. All unemployed generals are at his disposal. Order Marshal Grouchy to be at Laon on the 5th so that we may open the campaign on the 10th.

(To Marshal Soult.) Draw up a plan for the movement of the corps of General Gerard from the Moselle to Phillippeville, masking it as much as possible from the enemy. We should be there on the 12th, by making long days' marches.

My Guard will all be at Soissons on the 21st.

7th. (To Soult.) Give positive orders for stopping all communications along the whole of the northern Rhine and Moselle frontiers; not a stage or carriage must pass.

I think you had better start to-morrow night. You will go straight to Lille, incognito so far as possible, and make all arrangements. You must get the latest information as to the enemy's positions.

My travelling carriage must be made ready, without any one's knowing it, so that I can start two hours alter issuing my orders.

llth. I leave to-night to place myself at the head of my army.

(To Marshal Davout.) Send for Marshal Ney; if he wants to be in the first fighting, tell him to get to Avesnes, where my headquarters will be on the 14th.